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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/1997/962 and S/1997/973)

Other matters

Tajikistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance [41]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/679);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.69).

Informal consultations
on the reports of the Second Committee
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee on behalf of the President of the General Assembly on the reports of the Second Committee (A/52/716 and A/52/723)

Open-ended Informal Consultations
of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

	16th meeting	
4 p.m.	(closed)	Conference Room 4

Consideration of the draft proposal on the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform) (A/51/950).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

		Conference
10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.65: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (A/C.5/52/30)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.31: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/52/31)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.68 B: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/52/33)

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Third party liability: temporal and financial limitations (A/C.5/52/L.7)

3. Human resources management [153]

   Consideration of and action on draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.14

   Implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/226

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II) and Add.1, A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII and Add.1-2, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

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* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting.

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II) and Add.1, A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII and Add.1-2, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)

2. United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH)

3. Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

WORKING GROUP III

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Review of the criteria and methodology for determining the list of the least developed countries and examination of a possible vulnerability index

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of the President of the Council, H. E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška (Czech Republic), *today*, 17 December, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on all outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 17 December 1997

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Economic and Social Council matters)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

Informal open-ended (closed) consultations on the issue of involvement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations will take place *today*, 17 December 1997, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Lecture

The UNDP Office of Development Studies (ODS) will hold an informal lecture entitled "Municipal Finance in Developing Countries" *today*, 17 December 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [51].

2. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [52].

3. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [53].

4. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [54].

5. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56].

6. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [55].

7. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/52/719) [3 (b)].

3 p.m. 77th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/52/626) [95]:

   (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (Part II) (A/52/626/Add.1);

   (b) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (Part III) (A/52/626/Add.2);

   (c) Science and technology for development: report of the Second Committee (Part IV) (A/52/626/Add.3);

   (d) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (Part V) (A/52/626/Add.4);

2. Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/52/627) [96].

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: report of the Second Committee (Part I) (A/52/628) [97]:

   (a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (Part II) (A/52/628/Add.1);

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s: report of the Second Committee (Part III) (A/52/628/Add.2);

   (c) Population and development: report of the Second Committee (Part IV) (A/52/628/Add.3);

(d) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development: report of the Second Committee ((Part V) (A/52/628/Add.4);

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II): report of the Second Committee (Part VI) (A/52/628/Add.5);

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty: report of the Second Committee (Part VII) (A/52/628/Add.6);

(g) Women in development: report of the Second Committee (Part VIII) (A/52/628/Add.7);

(h) Human resources development: report of the Second Committee (Part IX) (A/52/628/Add.8);

(i) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (Part X) (A/52/628/Add.9).

4. Environment and sustainable development: reports of the Second Committee (Parts I and IX) (A/52/629 and Add.8) [98]:

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development: report of the Second Committee (Part II) (A/52/629/Add.1);

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (Part III) (A/52/629/Add.2);

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (Part IV) (A/52/629/Add.3);

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction: report of the Second Committee (Part V) (A/52/629/Add.4);

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (Part VI) (A/52/629/Add.5);

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (Part VII) (A/52/629/Add.6);

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (Part VIII) (A/52/629/Add.7).

5. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/52/630) [99].

6. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Second Committee (A/52/631) [100].

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/52/632) [101].

8. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/52/625) [12].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Commission for Sustainable Development will hold the first meeting of its sixth session, for the purpose of electing its Bureau, on Monday, 22 December 1997, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1998 and in particular on document DP/1998/3 on the review of policy implications of change on core and non-core funding. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 January 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 19 to 23 January 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The session will resume on Monday, 26 January 1998, at 3 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Executive Board of UNICEF.

The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on UNDP funding strategy on Thursday, 8 January 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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World Bank Seminar

An informal presentation on the theme "The Enabling Environment for Private Sector Development in a Globalized World" by Mr. Jean-François Rischard, Vice-President and Head of the World Bank Network for Finance, Private Sector Development and Infrastructure, will take place on Friday, 19 December 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 15 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

72nd plenary meeting (continued)

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 144 to 152 and 155.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/645) [144]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/645) (resolution 52/151).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 144.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/646) [145]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/646) (resolution 52/152).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 145.

United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/647) [146]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/52/647) (resolutions 52/153, 52/154 and 52/155).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 146.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/648) [147]

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/52/648) (resolution 52/156).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 147.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/649) [148]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/52/649) (resolutions 52/157 and 52/158).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 148.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/650) [149]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/52/650) (resolution 52/159).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 149.

Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/651) [150]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/52/651) (resolution 52/160).

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 150.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/652) [151]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/52/652) (resolutions 52/161, 52/162 and 52/163).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 151.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/653) [152]

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan and China.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/52/653) (resolutions 52/164 and 52/165).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Turkey, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United States.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 152.

Amendment to article 13 of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/654) [155]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/654) (resolution 52/166).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 155.

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [44]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/687)

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.65)

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Haiti, Canada, France, the United States and the Dominican Republic.

Members were informed that, in order to allow time for the review of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.65, action on the draft resolution would be taken on a later date to be announced.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Latvia, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

The representative of Canada, Coordinator of the informal consultations on these items, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolutions A/C.5/52/L.9 and A/C.5/52/L.10.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolutions.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these agenda items at this stage.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] *(A/52/3 Chapters I, V (section B) and VII)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman, who proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to a letter addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly contained in document A/C.5/52/29.

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Victor Yenyi Olungu (Democratic Republic of the Congo) to the Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.19/Rev.1: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (A/C.5/52/21 and Add.1)

The representative of Argentina, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations held on the matter.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/52/L.19/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of $28,200,000 would be required under section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999; an additional appropriation of $1,752,800 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under section 1, Income from staff assessment.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1: Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session (A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1)

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1, an additional appropriation of $245,200 under section 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 would be required, subject of the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the office accomodations at the Palais Wilson (A/C.5/52/19 and A/52/7/Add.4)

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and China.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to defer consideration of this question to its first resumed session.

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/52/24)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the report of that Committee contained in document A/52/7/Add.6.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement and referred the matter to informal consultations.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the comments of that Committee related to document A/52/303/Add.1.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Egypt and Uganda.

Tuesday, 16 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3841st meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1997/894)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/55).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

73rd plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

(i) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/270 and A/52/443)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.48/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries and regions:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/297, A/52/341, A/52/433, A/52/434, A/52/500, A/52/525, A/52/532, A/52/535, A/52/562, A/52/563, A/52/568 and A/52/678)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.14/Rev.2, A/52/L.16/Rev.2, A/52/L.34/Rev.1, A/52/L.36/Rev.1, A/52/L.37, A/52/L.40/Rev.1, A/52/L.41, A/52/L.42/Rev.1, A/52/L.43/Rev.1, A/52/L.44/Rev.1, A/52/L.46/Rev.1, A/52/L.56, A/52/L.58/Rev.1, A/52/L.60 and A/52/L.61/Rev.1)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/159)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.57/Rev.1)

(e) Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/586)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.32/Rev.1)

(f) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/537)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.33/Rev.1)

The representative of Luxembourg made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/52/L.45/Rev.1 and L.57/Rev.1.

The representative of Sweden made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.48/Rev.1.

The representative of Liberia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/52/L.14/Rev.2, L.16/Rev.2, L.40/Rev.1, L.42/Rev.1 and L.60.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.34/Rev.1.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.36/Rev.1.

The representative of Honduras made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.43/Rev.1.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.44/Rev.1.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.46/Rev.1.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/52/L.56.

The representative of Morocco made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.58/Rev.1.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/52/L.61/Rev.1.

The representative of El Salvador made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Lebanon, the United States, the Sudan and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

Under agenda item 20, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.45/Rev.1 (resolution 52/167).

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.48/Rev.1 (resolution 52/168).

The Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolutions submitted under sub-item (b) of agenda item 20

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/52/L.14/Rev.2 (resolution 52/169 A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.16/Rev.2 (resolution 52/169 B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.34/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 C)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.36/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 D)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.40/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 E)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.42/Rev.1 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/169 F)	98	38	13
Draft resolution A/52/L.43/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 G)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.44/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 H)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.46/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 I)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.56 (resolution 52/169 J)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.58/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 K)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.60 (resolution 52/169 L)		Adopted	
Draft resolution A/52/L.61/Rev.1 (resolution 52/169 M)		Adopted	

Under sub-item (d) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.57/Rev.1 (resolution 52/170).

Under sub-item (e) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.32/Rev.1 (resolution 52/171).

Under sub-item (f) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.33/Rev.1 (resolution 52/172).

The representative of Ukraine made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Korea and Burundi.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a), (d), (e) and (f) of agenda item 20.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Members were informed that draft resolutions A/52/L.37 and A/52/L.41 would be taken up at a later date to be announced.

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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction for war-stricken Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 43]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/358, A/52/536, A/52/682);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.68)

The representative of Germany made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.68.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, the Russian Federation, Japan, Afghanistan, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Egypt, Pakistan and Bulgaria.

The Assembly was informed that, in order to allow time for the review of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.68, action on the draft resolution would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Committees

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Pattern of conferences [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Singapore, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.13.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Austria, Saudi Arabia, the Russian Federation, Uganda, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco, Mexico, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Costa Rica, Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Cuba and Kuwait.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

United Nations common system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, Professor Erica-Irene Daes (Greece), introduced draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

Report of the Secretary-General on the second performance report (A/C.5/52/32)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Cuba, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Cameroon, Canada, Australia, Panama, Pakistan, Egypt, the United Kingdom and Mozambique.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Controller responded to questions posed.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision.

The representative of the United States amended the oral decision.

The Chairman made a statement and referred the matter to informal consultations.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama, Cuba, Uganda, India and Côte d'Ivoire.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

45th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

The President drew the attention of the Council to documents E/1997/91 and E/1997/92 and Add.1.

The representative of Germany reported to the Council on the results of the informal consultations that had taken place under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany), on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of its substantive session of 1998 and the principal themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council confirmed the representatives to the functional commissions listed in document E/1997/L.1/Add.5.

Elections postponed from previous sessions

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The following States were elected by acclamation for a term beginning on 1 January 1998: Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama and Venezuela.

The drawing of lots to determine the terms of office of the newly elected members was postponed to a future session.

Committee for Programme and Coordination

Italy was nominated for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The following States were elected by acclamation for a 3-year term beginning on 1 January 1998: Costa Rica, Cyprus, Hungary, Jamaica, Jordan and India.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint and Co-Sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

The Council elected Uganda for a 3-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The observer for Algeria made a statement.

The Council agreed to postpone the remaining vacancies in its subsidiary bodies to a future session.

Coordination, programme and other questions [6]

(i) Proclamation of international years

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution E/1997/L.32/Rev.1.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement.

Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies [7]

(b) Environmental questions: sustainable development

The Council resumed consideration of the item and had before it document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/4 and Corr.1.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in his capacity of Co-Chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, reported to the Council on the informal consultations he had conducted on this matter.

The Secretary of the Council read the programme budget implications contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests on the second, third and fourth sessions.

The Council then adopted the draft decision on Future sessions of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and took note of the draft decision adopted by the Forum on Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Forum, as contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/4.

The Council thus concluded consideration of agenda item 7 (b).

(d) Human rights questions

The Council decided to consider the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixteenth session at its next meeting.

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12]

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury (Bangladesh), reported to the Council on the informal consultations he had held on these issues, and circulated a draft decision to be issued as a formal document of the Council.

Other organizational matters

Two notes prepared by the Bureau on the Economic and Social Council session on coordinated follow-up to Conferences and the high-level special meeting of the Economic and Social Council, were circulated for the information of the Council.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and South Africa.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Accession: Gambia (15 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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